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**STATEMENT BY THE COAL UTILIZATION RESEARCH COUNCIL (CURC)
WITH RESPECT TO THE REINTRODUCTION OF COAL TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION TO BE INTRODUCED BY SENATOR
HEIDI HEITKAMP:**

The Coal Utilization Research Council (CURC) applauds Senator Heidi Heitkamp for introducing legislation to promote the development of advanced coal technologies, including carbon capture and storage. Senator Heitkamp has long recognized the robust history of technical innovation and improvement and the strong domestic engineering capability in the U.S. that has been the foundation for developing better and better technology to support use of coal. Technology research, development, demonstration and deployment represent a clear and proven path to continuing improvements in coal's environmental performance. In contrast, we believe EPA's recently proposed greenhouse gas regulations for new and existing power plants are premature and will, if finalized, deter critical investments in low-carbon coal technologies.

As an organization focused entirely on driving continuing advances in coal-based technologies, we praise the Senator's leadership. We have yet to complete a detailed review of Senator Heitkamp's proposal so we appreciate her invitation to provide input and look forward to working with her on this important initiative.